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1. AS OF 1930 JUNE 7, DATT HAD JUST SEEN GENERAL POK SAM AN WHO HAD JUST RETURNED FROM SAIGON (APPARENTLY NOT BANGKOK AS WE HAD EARLIER BELIEVED).

2. FOLLOWING EMERGED:

A. THAI GENERAL SO ATH DID PROCEED BANGKOK TO DISCUSS GOC AID REQUEST.

B. POK SAM AN AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE FIRMED UP AGREEMENT STATION AC-47S AND OTHER AIRCRAFT PHNOM PENH. HELICOPTERS ALSO A POSSIBILITY FOR PHNOM PENH.

C. FUEL QUESTION RESOLVED BY FACT VIETNAMESE WILL BRING BLADDERS FOR STORAGE OWN FUEL.

3. ON MILITARY SITUATION, POK SAM AN DECLARED TWO AC-47S HAD APPEARED LAST NIGHT AND HAD BEEN IMPORTANT FACTOR IN SIEM REAP AND KOMPONG THOM FIGHTING.

4. BATTALION HAS SUCCESSFULLY BEEN MOVED FROM BATTANBANT TO SIEM REAP VIA SISOPHON TODAY AND RETOOK AIRFIELD BY 1500, WHERE 12 MAN CAMBODIAN AIR FORCE TEAM NOW INSTALLED WITH RADIOS. HOWEVER, NEW FORCES HAD NOT RPT NOT YET LINKED UP WITH THOSE IN SIEM REAP ITSELF WHERE TROOPS HAVE ALSO MANAGED RETAKE SOME GROUND.

5. KOMPONG THOM SITUATION STABILIZED.

6. IN CASES BOTH SIEM REAP AND KOMPONG THOM ENEMY THREAT REMAINS ACTIVE ONE AND SO TWO AC-47S REQUESTED AND PROMISED FOR TONIGHT. POK SAM AN CONSIDERS THESE GREAT MORALE FACTOR AS WELL AS MILITARILY EFFECTIVE. THEIR USE WILL BE EASIER IN FUTURE SINCE MAY BE STATIONED PHNOM PENH AS OF ~~JUNE 8~~. RIVES
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